

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 2 and 3 have been amended to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based on Nakamoto JP 5071492. Nakamoto discloses a device in which a rotor surrounds the interior walls of a pump housing. Nakamoto does not teach or suggest a device in which inner walls within a pump housing surround at least a portion of a rotor to define an inner region between the rotor and the inner walls in communication with a first passageway and an outer region between an outer wall and the inner walls in communication with a second passageway, as defined by amended independent claim 1.

The Examiner indicates that claim 3 is allowable if rewritten in independent form and to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claim 3 has been amended in view of this indication of allowability to overcome the rejection under §112 and to incorporate the subject matter of claims 1 and 3.

Respectfully Submitted,

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